

"Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out"

Num. 32:23.

Fallen Woman Saved.

A poor woman having her attention called to Dr. Watt's hymn, "Just as the tree that down the hill, fell to north or southwest there it lies, So man departs to heaven or hell fixed in the state wherein he does." The striking thought that she was fixing her life for hell turned her to Christ.

Saved by the Word of God.

A sister hid in the trunk of her brother, who was leaving home, a copy of the Bible. When found in his trunk he took it up and read of "the unspeakable riches of Christ." His heart was ready for the message and he was won to the Savior.

Countess Huntington and a Workman.

The countess of Huntington once spoke to a workman, who was repairing a garden wall, and pressed him to take some thought concerning eternity and the state of his soul. Some years afterward, she was speaking to another on the same subject, and said to him, "Thomas, I fear you never pray, nor look to Christ for salvation." "Yes, I do," answered the man; "I heard what passed between you and James at such a time, and the word you designed for him took effect on me, as I heard it."

Converted by a Dream.

A sailor who had passed unhurt through an explosion was startled by a strange dream. He thought the day of judgment had come. He saw the judge seated before him. The trial of the crew of the exploded frigate A—commenced. Each name was called in order, and in every instance the person was handed over to Satan. John now expected to be called, but the one which stood next after him was called, and John was left standing alone. He walked up to the judge and said, "Am I wanted yet?" The judge replied, "No, but repent or you will soon be here." Conviction seized him and he yielded himself to God.

Farmer Saved by His Ox.

A farmer who was caring for his cattle was licked on his arm by one of his oxen, which reminded him of the words in Isaiah 1:3, when he said, "My dumb beast is more grateful to me than I am to God," and the little incident led him to Christ.

Infidel Converted.

An infidel attended a special service, out of curiosity. The preacher's sermon was about the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The spirit directed the message to his heart and he saw that he was that man and was led to Christ.

Won by 2nd Tim. 2:15.

I was down at the depot seeing some people, when I heard a fellow shouting: "Second-Timothy-two-fifteen!" to a man at the end of an out-going train, and the man was shouting back: "Second-Timothy-two-fifteen!" The man on the platform was Charles Alexander. "Well," I thought, "what is this made a home for home and looked in up in the Bible. I wasn't a Christian then, but I asked God to forgive my sins, and He has done so."

Chinese Converted.

When I was speaking in Ballarat, Australia, there sat a long line of educated Chinamen listening to the sermon. I made the statement that every one was a child of God, or a child of the devil. The next night when I gave out the invitation, almost the entire line of Chinamen came forward, and one of them said this: "I was here last night and heard Dr. Torrey say that everyone was a child of God or a child of the devil. I knew I was not a child of God, and therefore I must be a child of the devil. I made up my mind I would be a child of the devil no longer."

REV. R. A. TORREY.

Shoemaker Saved by Spurgeon.

I went to the music hall, to hear Spurgeon, says a man, and took my seat in the middle of the balcony. He looked at me as if he knew me, and deliberately told the congregation that I was a shoemaker, and that I sold shoes on Sunday; and I did, sir. But, sir, I should not have minded that; but he said I took ninepence the Sunday before, and that there was fourpence profit; and so I did take ninepence, and how he should know that I'm sure I cannot tell. It struck me it was God had spoken to my soul through him; and I was converted.

Awakened by the Thought of Death.

A minister said to a lady, who was expatiating on the delight that the took in the theatre. "Think of the pleasure it will give you on your deathbed." The remark went to her heart. She had no reply to make, abandoned the theatre and became a Christian.

Infidel Won By His Child.

A dying child said to his infidel father, "Father, I am very happy. I am going to Heaven. Will you meet me there?" The appeal was too much for him to resist and he became a Christian man.

Awakened by Falling Acorn.

A French infidel, when walking through a forest exclaimed: "How beautiful are these trees! But how strange that so large a tree should bear a fruit so small as the acorn! If I had been God I would have put a small fruit on small vines, and large fruit on large trees!" Wearied with the walk, the party paused to rest, and the infidel fell asleep under a large oak. The sleeper was soon awakened by an acorn falling upon his face. He said: "Had this tree borne gourds weighing 100 pounds, I would now be a corpse." Conviction followed him from that hour, and he became a Christian.

Separation From God

Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.—Matt. 7:13-14.

Then said the king to the servants, bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—Matt. 22:13.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.—Luke 13:28.

For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.—Luke 14:24.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.—Matt. 13:30.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still.—Rev. 22:11.

When it (the net) was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come

forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.—Matt. 13:48-49.

Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door.—Luke 13:24-25.

For Sinners

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: . . . the rich man died, and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments.—Luke 16:19-23.

And when the king came to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into outer darkness.—Matt. 22:11-13.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.—Mark 16:16.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sodomites, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.—Rev. 21:8.

The Nature of Fallen Man

And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.—Gen. 2:16-17.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.—Rom. 5:12.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 Cor. 15:22.

How then can men be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?—Job. 25:4.

Behold, I was born in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.—Ps. 51:5.

The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.—Ps. 58:3.

From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and purifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.—Isa. 1:6.

Man's Choice and Practice

Therefore they say unto God, depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.—Job 21:14.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.—Gen. 6:5.

And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.—Gen. 6:12.

They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.—Ps. 14:3.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?—Prov. 20:9.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately (incurably, see Job 34:6) wicked: who can know it?—Jer. 17:9.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.—Matt. 15:19.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable.—Rom. 3:10-12.

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.—Eph. 4:18-19.

Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.—Micah 2:1.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

The great message that Jesus brought to you and to me was, "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jno. 3:7. Man has planned many ways to be saved but God has but one that is by Christ Who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Jno. 14:6.

All have been given faith, but that alone does not save, it is when we place that faith in the One who has power to remove the penalty of sin, not in a creed or church but in Christ. Before every soul there are but two ways to eternity, the narrow and the broad, two leaders Christ and Satan. As individuals we chose the way and the leader, and we will share the destiny of the leader we choose to follow.

The four steps of salvation are:

Confess your sins to Christ—1 John 1:9.

Accept Him as your Savior—John 1:12.

Confess Him before the world—Romans 10:9, 10.

Obey Him as your Master—Matt. 22:1-27.

All those who meet the conditions may claim the promise and know you are saved—I John 5:10-13.

"If you are tired of the load of your sin,
Let Jesus come into your heart;
If you desire a new life to begin
Let Jesus come into your heart."

J. CLARK ORANGER,

Pastor of the First Baptist Church

In Hell

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.—Matt. 10:28.

The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.—Ps. 9:17.

Tophet (Burning place of the dead.)

For tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.—Isa. 30:33.

Furnace of Fire.

The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity: And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—Matt. 13:41-2.

The Lake of Fire.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.—Rev. 20:15.

The Bottomless Pit.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.—Rev. 20:1.

The Pit of Destruction.

But thou, O God, shall bring them down into the pit of destruction.—Ps. 55:23.

Universal

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not.—Eccl. 7:20.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.—Isa. 53:6.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.—Isa. 64:6.

What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.—Rom. 3:9, 19.

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.—Gal. 3:22.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.—1 John 5:19.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—Rom. 3:23.

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil.—Jer. 13:23.

For though thou wash thee with nitre and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God.—Jer. 2:22.

Results

Be sure your sin will find you out.—Num. 32:23.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.—Isa. 59:2.

Though hand and join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.—Prov. 11:21.

Good understanding giveth favor; but the way of transgressors is hard.—Prov. 13:15.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.—Ezek. 18:4.

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.—Hos. 8:7.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6:23.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Gal. 6:7.

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.—1 Tim. 4:2.

Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.—Tit. 1:15.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.—Ps. 34:16.

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.—Ps. 11:6.

Saved By a Question.

"Oh, if I were lucky enough to call this estate mine, I should be a happy fellow!" said a young man. "And then?" asked a friend. "Why, then I'd pull down the old house and build a palace." "And then?" "Then I'd hunt, and ride, and smoke and drink." "And then?" "Why, then, I suppose, like other people, I should grow old and not care so much for these things." "And then?" "Why, then, I suppose, in the course of nature, I would die." "And then?" "O, bother your 'thens,' I must be off." But he could not get away from the question, till he settled the answer right.

Saved by a Soft Answer.

"Jack, you can't make that old man mad." The old man was one of the everybodies called "son of Jack" dumped. . . . Jack tipped the contents of his bucket upon the old man's head and shoulders. The old man said: "If I am the Lord Jesus' servant, and I takes my part, I'm afraid it will go hard with you." The old man's gentleness led Jack to a thoughtful, praying life.

Saved by Hymn.

A little boy was sitting on the doorstep singing: "There'll be no sorrow there." The stranger was asking, catching the words, asked the boy: "Where will there be no sorrow?" He replied: "In Heaven above where all is love." The word was used by the Spirit to bring peace to his troubled soul.

Husband Won By His Wife.

An unconverted husband was won to Christ through the quiet and resigned manner and conduct of his wife at the death of their only child.

St. Augustine.

In the year 372, a young man in distress of mind, entered his garden near Milan. The sins of this youth weighed heavily on his soul. Lying under a fig tree, and pouring out abundant tears, he heard from a neighboring house, a voice repeating, "Take and read, take and read." Receiving this as a divine admonition he procured the roll of St. Paul's epistle, and read in silence the words on which his eyes first fell. It was Romans 13:13-14. All was decided by a word. "I did not want to read any more," said he; "nor was there any need; every doubt was banished." St. Augustine had begun his holy life.

Ladies Converted by a Chinese.

A lady and her companion were obliged to spend a Sabbath on a train sidetracked. Seeing a Chinese camp, they went to it and asked the Chinaman if he would do some washing for them. He replied, "No, me no work today." Her companion suggested that the lady lay some money on the bundle. She did this. The Chinaman, reaching up to a shelf, drew from it a Bible and said: "Me Chinaman, you Melican lady; I love that book; you no good ladies." This made such a profound impression upon the women that they both became Christians.

Saved by a Newspaper.

A sermon by Mr. Spurgeon, found in a newspaper used as a wrapper for a package, was instrumental in the conversion of a man.

Mechanic Converted.

A very simple observation was once the means of deciding a man. He was a mechanic, and a man of a mathematical turn of mind. He had attended a meeting, held in an upper room, to see a man whose stairs his attention was attracted by the beam that had supported the people, and he said to himself, "What a weight there must have been upon that!" Just at that very minute, into his mind were flashed, "And what a weight there is resting upon you!" It did seem to him that he had a weight of sin enough to crush him. This thought turned him to Christ.

Skeptical Lady Saved.

In the north of England, I was preaching one evening, and before me sat a lady who was a skeptic. When I had finished, I asked all who were anxious, to remain. Nearly all remained, but one among the number. I asked her if she was a Christian, and she said she was not, nor did not care to be. I prayed for her there. She continued to attend the meetings, and in a week after I saw her here. After the sermon, I went to her and asked if she was of the same mind as before. She replied that Christ had come to her and she was happy.

D. L. Moody.

Heathen Boy Converted.

Fred, a boy of about 12, came to our mission in Liberia. He proved to be a very bright fellow and anxious to do right. One evening at prayer meeting, I explained what it meant to be converted. I emphasized repentance and said: "If anyone is sorry for his sins and confesses them, and asks Jesus to come into his heart, he will come." We knelt in prayer. Fred began praying. He said a few words when he began to cry. He ceased praying, and as I began, he shouted: "Glory! Glory to God! I see you!" Yes, and he saw Jesus, too.

L. M. L. Harrow.

Drunkard Saved by a Look.

A very earnest Christian physician caring for a poor drunken man, looked at him with such pity and sympathy in his face that the drunkard was led to turn to Christ for his deliverance, and became a Christian man.

Saved by a Story.

Mr. Moody in a sermon used the illustration of a man leaping from a sinking vessel into a life-boat. A young man, seeing the point illustrated by the story, leaped into the Christian life.

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